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Kankakee United Set to Host Virtual Expungement Fair in Partnership with Prairie State Legal Services

Kankakee, IL – Beginning next week, Kankakee United will be hosting a virtual expungement fair in partnership with Prairie State Legal Services in Kankakee. Those who are interested will learn more about what criminal records are eligible to be expunged and the next steps moving forward. The virtual expungement fair will take place from **June 15, 2020 through June 19, 2020** on the City of Kankakee's website at www.citykankakee-il.gov.

Expungement is a process in which a record or criminal conviction can be removed or dismissed under legal requirements. After the process is complete, typically an arrest or conviction does not need to be disclosed. While all records are not eligible to be expunged, this could lead to a fresh start for an applicant when filling out an application for a job or housing.

"Every day, this administration is working to further improve the lives of all residents. Kankakee United is fortunate to have Prairie State Legal Services as a partner to aid our young people in removing barriers that can limit their access to employment and other opportunities. Helping our youth be healthy, hopeful and productive remain a focus of the Kankakee United initiative as we move *Kankakee Forward*," said Mayor Wells-Armstrong.

The mission of Prairie State Legal Services, Inc. is to ensure equal access to justice and fair treatment under the law by providing legal advice and representation, advocacy, education, and outreach that serve to protect basic human needs and enforce or uphold rights. Prairie State Legal Services is supported by the Westside Justice Center – Access to Justice.

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continue to transform into an extraordinary place to dream, grow, and thrive. Embracing our diversity, we strive to be progressive, inclusive, and innovative. For more information on the City of Kankakee, please visit the website at www.citykankakee-il.gov.